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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion about the recent settlement in the antitrust case between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. First, I do not think my rights as a consumer have been infringed upon. Second, I think that Microsoft has not acted as a monopoly. They have consistently delivered quality products and have not taken unfair advantage of pricing.

Microsoft has agreed to terms that go beyond the issues in the lawsuit. Microsoft must disclose internal interfaces and protocols within Windows, as well as grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows to actively promote non-Microsoft products.

Microsoft has agreed to the terms in the settlement to bring a close to the litigation. The settlement is in the best interests of the IT sector, the economy, and the public. The alternative is further litigation that is costly to our nation. Please finalize the agreement and close the case as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Donna Aldinger